

Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club

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Coming Events:

March:

17, Tuesday, St.Patrick's Day Fun Day
28, Saturday, Club Pairs Championship

April:

11, Saturday, Novice Pairs Tournament
18, Saturday, OPEN HOUSE



First Place: Chris & Barry



Second Place: Grant & Skip



Third Place: Dave & Marlyn

Our first tournament of the year was the **Veteran and Novice Pairs** held on February 22. There were six teams who competed in three 3 8-end games. The weather was decidedly unsettled and Marlyn wasn't sure the tournament was going to go on but opted to hope for the best. However, we did begin play with a short rain. After that the sun came out and all was well until just after lunch when we played through another brief shower.

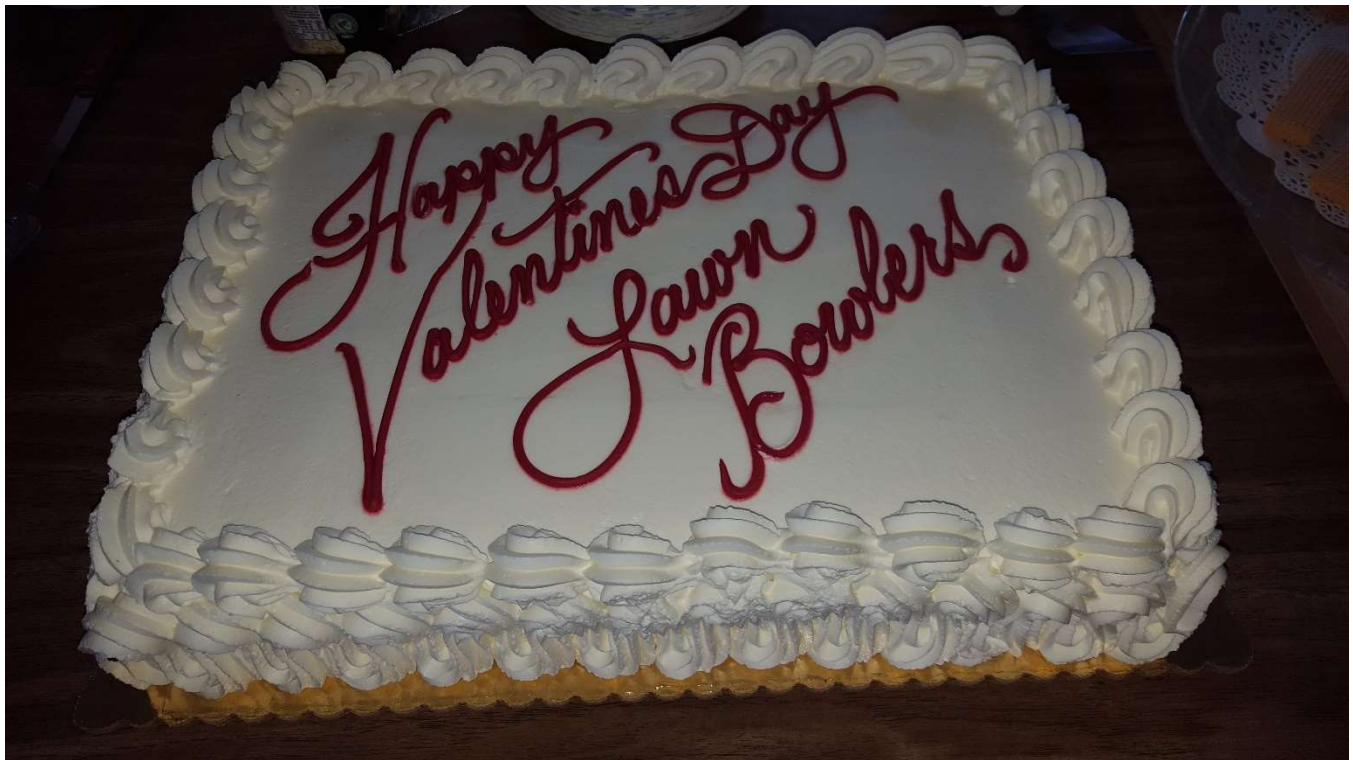
Our Tournament Director, Marlyn, as she always does, provided some lovely treats of donuts, fruits and veggies and much more which kept everyone happy. It turned out to be a really nice tournament in spite of the weather. Other teams in contention were Brent and Ron, Jim and Aaron, Eileen and Tamara.

At the end of March, on Saturday the 28th, we will be vying for the **Club Pairs Championship**. Since this is a championship tournament there will be a \$5.00 charge to play. The money is

returned to the winners and runners-up. Now is the time to be finding a partner as it promises to be a good tournament.

Fun Days:

Last month we kind of dropped the ball on the Valentine's Day event as nobody stepped forward to organize the games. However, Jane Streiff came through with a beautiful cake which we all enjoyed after the game. Many thanks to Jane for doing that. I was goooooood!



However, all is not lost as our very own Irishman, Tony Cunningham, will be handling the St. Patrick's Day event on Tuesday, 17th. Put this on your calendar and come on down wearing green to help celebrate the day.

Board Meeting Highlights:

Thanks to Secretary, Ron Bromwell, for the following report:

Ken Gould attended and presented his portfolio of investments. He referenced the recent market downturn due to the Corona virus and said we were down about 2% in value, compared to the 16% drop in the S&P 500. He is pessimistic about a near future market recovery.

Janet presented the current budget condition, nothing of significance was reported. The current checkbook balance is \$13,382, the total Investment accounts stand at \$213,975 as of 2-29-20.

Chris then started a detailed review of the Bylaws which took up most of the remaining time available. The draft is now almost complete and will be e-mailed to all members within the next few days. Members will be asked to respond with opinions and suggestions within a five day period in order to get a final draft ready. This requires 30 additional days and member approval before the document is added to the Club Membership Directory for 2020 publication.

The meeting continued with a discussion of the plans for the Club Open House scheduled for Saturday, April 18 between 11:00am and 2:00pm. Many ideas were discussed including: food, newspaper ads, Facebook and Instagram postings, press releases, color flyers, articles in the Independent and Noozhawk and invitations to City Council members.

A move to authorize an expense amount of \$2,000 was seconded and passed.

A Clean-up Day before the event will be decided with a call for member volunteers.

Max spoke on behalf of the Greens Committee to describe his method of alternating the rinks to be played and avoiding damage in the process. He also notified the Board of his desire to retire from acting as the Greenskeeper and provided recommendations for changes.

Grant released a letter from an Australian company which builds and repairs lawn bowling facilities. He has scheduled a visit for Wed, March 4, to discuss potential work on the carpet green.

My thanks to Sharron Adams for the following nice pictures and captions:



It's always great to have Graham and Carole Reynolds from Vancouver at our club! Graham is a formidable lawn bowler.



Nancy Grant is quite an amazing bowler at a young 94 and a lot of fun on the green.



Anita Talanian is a fairly recent member of our club after bowling at MacKenzie Park LBC for several years.

Reminders:

- I often hear complaints from other skips about the way vices signal the score to be put on the board. First – please be sure your skip is looking in your direction before you signal. It's annoying to pick up the mat, walk it back and put it on the walkway only to turn around and find your team raking and getting ready for the next end. So give him/her a minute to do this before you signal the score.
- It is very hard to tell how many fingers are being held up to indicate a score. The green is quite long! So instead of fingers, please always use a shoulder tap, head tap, hip tap – something which is more obvious.
- Please try to obey the rules for “possession of the rink”. That is, once your skip's bowl stops in the head, step back and turn the rink over to your opponent. This means, even though you want to get in the head and check if your partner took the shot, you have to wait until it's your turn again. In other words, at no time should both vices step into the head at the same time. If you are not in possession of the rink, you are also not to signal your partner. That also waits until your team is on the mat again.
- When all the bowls have been played in a head, then is the only time for both vices to step in the head and determine the score. After both agree, then signal your skips.
- When you are in possession of the rink, it is not crucial to hold up the game to get in the head and try to decide whether you hold shot. Please only do this if your skip asks you to. However, if your opponent is racking up points and you feel your skip may not realize it, please let her know. This is a team sport and so everyone needs to think of good strategy and good communication.
- Sometimes your skip will ask you to identify a bowl which is in his path. At that time, please just identify the ones he may hit with his next bowl and don't go around identifying most of the bowls in the head. That's just confusing! Also, when pointing to a bowl, get down close enough so that your partner at the other end of the green can tell which bowl you are pointing at.
- If your skip asks for advice on what shot to try, please check to see where the jack will go if it's hit. If there are catchers right behind it, make sure he knows that.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything in particular you would like explained or discussed in the newsletter.

